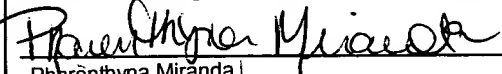




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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: